

Gerisio /Roysio Action Committee

PRESS RELEASE

Marie Cunningham Roysio Road has been in dispute with Glasgow District Council's housing authorities for two years. It began when she set out to buy the council house she has rented for the past 30 years. At the time this seemed a foregone conclusion. But it was 'a far cry'. The trouble has been, including the present, as the council has had for that some 30 years. Since then it has been four or five years of the council's attempt to claim the house. For Marie Cunningham this is what has been.

The council was told that Marie Cunningham's rights to the house were those of Josephine Peile. And for some time it was the council's duty to be seen to. 'Queen' Josephine Peile, 'Queen' Labour Party member, is election agent for the MP Michael Martin and local councillor Phillip James McLean. For some years 'Queen' Josephine has held 'court' in the Gerisio /Roysio district. She is or has been on many different committees. At present she runs the Hamilton Community Centre as if it was an extension of her home, or some kind of private club. Recently she has given a mission from the council - we say 'she was given' and not the 'community was given' - to run this mission service as a private mission service.

Some of the harassment received by Marie Cunningham has been of the sort of 'harassment'. It comes from all directions, including Glasgow District Council's Housing Department at Charles Street, and by newspaper Irene Spence. The latter is one of Ms Spence's 'underlings' by the name of the council just happens to be 'Queen' Josephine's son and therefore the brother of the council who went to the council to get the house. His name is Patrick Peile and being a very 'brave' child he too has

entered the way. At the point with this HC Housing Official was drunk or with a double or a friend of Marie Cunningham's to a boxing match. Then when he discovered Marie was alone jumping into the jungle and down headfirst on his sister's floor, i.e. Marie's ceiling. It should be said that Marie is not in the best of health, having recently undergone radiotherapy treatment. But that doesn't stop the Bradley gang.

This is not the place to enter the full details of the issue. There are two sides to every argument. The fact that Marie Cunningham's family has been using the garden-area for 30 years makes the case as far as the civil rights are concerned.

When a friend telephoned MP Michael Martin to seek his advice on the matter he actually put the phone down while they were talking to him. That was when the disclosure his election agent and the rest of the Bradley family were involved. And as for Councillor James McLennan, if you live in the district it's your own said damn. The story is the same once you reach the under-employment of G.C.'s Housing Management. The part played by Irene Smeeth, manageress at the Charles St. ^{office}, is nothing short of disgraceful. But ask the Garrison/Robson Council members about Ms Smeeth.

The past victimisation from the housing authorities and local Labour politicians ^{Marie's} ~~women~~ for friends and supporters just as much as the horrible bullying from the Bradley family (whose case is not confined to this district; one of Josephine's son-in-laws has 'court' in Hossnure).

Certain officials within George Square have been embarrassed by the affair. They know the dirty Marie has to the purchase of her home and garden-area but their 'hands are tied'. Apparently the rules about garden-area allocation have not been changed in the Garrison/Robson district, making it different from the rest of GLS-01.

Council house tenants and those who want to buy their own homes are entitled to ask questions. They're also entitled to know why Josephine Bradley has all this power and influence with

Labour Party politicians, and any one has the same power and influence at the very highest level of GEC's Housing Management. Is it just because she is an election agent for the politicians mentioned? Or is it that and something else...? A few people from Labour parties have their own ideas on the subject. And part of that concerns private property development with a certain ex-millionaire who has joined himself and the Labour Group across in Renfrew.

But that's another story.

Some of the older tenants in Royston have tried to fight the system' here before but were 'washed off'. Some of them were members of the Labour Party. Some of this committee are also members of the Labour Party who are sick to the teeth with party corruption. But we're not going to be washed off. It's unfortunate but true that because of this we prefer not to list our names and addresses. We shall be having more public meetings and if through 'Queen' Josephine influence we aren't granted a council 'let' to do that will provide the number one topic on the agenda, we'll hold the meeting on the street outside her house and make sure the media attends. And if 'Queen' Josephine's adviser to the 'court', MP Michael Martin, wants to charge us £250 million for the one-night 'let' then the same thing applies, we'll hold the meeting outside his surgery office - we can't do it outside his house because he's flitting to London. We're sick of this kind of corruption. We also want to point out that we're not a group of anti-poll tax protestors. Marie Cunningham has lived a nightmare for two years, a woman undergoing radiotherapy treatment. She is at her wick' end. This victimisation and corruption must stop. The Garisbon/Royston Action Committee will make sure it does. But as we said, things are so bad in this district that we cannot put our contact number down in case of reprisals. But if anything happens to Marie Cunningham there will be a lot of angry people around.

GERMISTON COMMUNITY ASS

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: -

2 CARETAKERS - THREE URBAN AID
2 PRE-FIVE TEACHERS - UNQUALIFIED
- THREE URBAN AID.

MORNING & AFTERNOON:

PRE-FIVES - 16 CHILDREN. (MON - THURS)

MISS BRADLEY & MRS GRANT.

AFTERNOON: -

BINGO FOR APPROX 12 PEOPLE. (2 DAYS ONLY)

(PRIZES BOX OF CHOCOLATES)

FIBALS ON WHEELS: -

CARETAKERS COOK & DELIVER TEAS
ON FOOT FOR 12-14 PEOPLE. (MON - FRI)

EVENINGS: WEEK DAYS ONLY TEENAGERS
CATERED FOR

SUNDAY: -

17th BRADLEY & WEA DETERMINED
COLLECTED SIGNATURES ON A
PETITION OF TEENAGERS ON A
NOT THOUGHT ANY CATERED FOR
BINGO HELD TO BY TEENAGERS IN
THE GERMISTON AREA.

(g) Play Area at 15 Forge Place

Frances Rickus advised the Urban Aid application for 1992/93 was going ahead. Beatrice Ullah added that a core group of twelve people would be required to help maintain the Play Area. Sandra Black advised that Housing Department assistant Michael Ratcliff had been to Germiston to see the parents/tenants to discuss the running of the block's facilities once installed, however she had not heard from the Housing Department since.

Frances advised that the Architects were looking at designs at the moment. She will contact Irene Spence to find out how it is progressing with the Housing Department.

ACTION: FRANCES RICKUS

5. Home Security Project

Beatrice Ullah advised that the project was near completion. The funding is used up and accounts will be made available. Heatwise have agreed to fit window and door locks in tenemental properties free of charge through their Urban Aid funding - however, very few households had taken up this offer.

Frances asked Inspector Ruddock if any of the Police Department were members of Glasgow North Crime Prevention Plan, who have local grant funding available for alarms. He would check if the elderly and disabled in Germiston area were being provided with alarms.

6. Urban Aid Submissions

Councillor Fleming advised that there was an application planned to brick build Germiston Community Hall through the Regional Council which he shall be dealing with. Group were advised that completed applications for 1992/1993 must be prioritised no later than August 1991. There are no Education department submissions and Bernadette McAuley was not aware of any Social Work Department submissions but will check and report back to the group. Frances advised of Urban Aid submissions that are approved through GCC as follows:

- Balmore Industrial Estate environmental improvements;
- Sighthill Multi-Storey enclosure of ground floor for security;
- Charles Street community facility;
- Brunswick Centre - extension of play area;
- Glasgow North Ltd - Regeneration through reskilling;
- Millburn Centre -
- Save the Children

Totalling £1.1m in capital and £300,000 in revenue for the North Area.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR FLEMING

7. Other competent business

(a) Royston Library

Frances advised that the library will have a new roof in 1991.

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GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday 21 May 1991

1. Sederunt

Councillor Derek Fleming, Strathclyde Regional Council;
Beatrice Ullah, Community Education Service;
Josephine Bradley, Germiston Community Association;
Sandra Black, St Gilbert's Parent Teachers' Association;
Bernadette McAuley, Social Work Department;
John Murray, Germiston Community Council;
Inspector W Ruddock, Strathclyde Police;
Anna Devlin, St Gilbert's Parent Teachers' Association
Frances Rickus, Glasgow City Council, Town Clerk's Office
Caroline Potts, Administrative Support Worker (Minutes).

2. Apologies

Josie Henderson, Germiston Community Association;
Bertie Connors, AA Group;
Anne Heaney, Germiston Community Council;
Gordon Hammond, St Gilbert's School Board.

3. Minute of Last Meeting

The minute of the last meeting held on Tuesday, 16 April was read and one amendment noted under Item 4c - Josephine Bradley advised that she personally had not witnessed these events. Once this amendment was noted the minute was agreed.

4. Matters Arising:-

(a) Darnick Street Fencing

Councillor Fleming advised that Roads Department have put up temporary high fencing and will be contacting the owners of the land to build a safer fence.

(b) Blochairn Department Wall

Beatrice Ullah advised the Roads Department had checked the wall and subsequently repaired the top of the wall.

(c) Strathclyde Police Matters
Drugs Issues

Inspector Ruddock advised that regarding drugs problems he was available at Baird Street police office for any information or problems residents may have. He added that under the law of subjudicy he cannot discuss the facts of a case with anyone including Council departments until there is a conviction and only then could official agencies act upon information.

Ice Cream Van Chimes

Members advised that the 'Germiston Chiller' was chiming after midnight on Saturday night. Inspector Ruddock advised that in order to charge the owner at least two people have to hear the chimes and then go to court to bear witness to it or the police have to hear it. He gave his assurance that when he was on night shift he would pay particular attention to it. He added that if it happens continually their Street Traders Licence can be revoked.

"Boy Racer"

Inspector Ruddock advised that a youth had been fined for reckless driving in Petershill and Germiston. Josephine Bradley said she had not seen him for quite a few weeks now.

Gang Fighting

Inspector Ruddock advised that some youths have been booked for possessing offensive weapons, breach of the peace and trespassing in a combined effort by police and railway police. One youth was assaulted and five youths are being charged regarding this. Despite some success, members were anxious with summer holidays and longer days there will be an upsurge in gang fighting. Josephine Bradley added that she was aware of a van distributing clubs and sticks to youths in the scheme. Inspector Ruddock added that he would be investigating this.

(d) Double Parking and Speeding in Coll and Forge Place

Councillor Fleming advised that the Roads Department are looking into it at present.

(e) Parking in Siemens Street/Royston Road

Councillor Fleming advised that the Roads Department are going to speak to Prossers regarding the dangers of staff car parking in Siemens Street. John Murray suggested double yellow lines be requested for that stretch of road. Inspector Ruddock advised that the Roads Department usually passes the request to the Police who then investigate it and the procedure can take a few months. Councillor Fleming suggested that the group write officially to the Roads Department requesting double yellow lines in Siemens Street be passed on to the Police Department. Inspector Ruddock will also take it up with the Traffic department.

ACTION: LEAD OFFICER/POLICE

(f) M12 Shoppers Bus

Councillor Fleming advised that this route had been put out to tender and another bus company would be taking over the route. He read out the reply received by Roads and Transport Sub-Group from Strathclyde Buses Ltd advising that the dates and times were too vague, however, Caroline Potts advised that two specific times on one day and dates were given. Councillor Fleming requested a copy of the original letter.

ACTION: C POTTS

John Murray complained that the timetable for the no. 4 service, leaving the city, detailed times of 5.40 p.m. and the next bus was not until 45 minutes later at 6.25 p.m. Councillor Fleming said he would take up this matter.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR FLEMING

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(b) Primary Care consultation document

Frances advised that GGHB are issuing a Primary Care consultation document incorporating Community Care legislation. The consultation period is 3 months from issue in June. She suggested the group invite Gavin Brown to attend the August meeting to talk the group through the document.

ACTION: LEAD OFFICER

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Germiston Area Liaison Committee will be held on Tuesday 25 June 1991 at 7 p.m. in Germiston Community Hall, Forge Street, Glasgow.

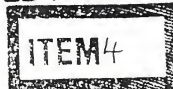
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31 May 1991



PETER C. MITCHELL QPM
Acting Chief Constable

STRATHCLYDE POLICE

RECEIVED 14 JUN 1991



Beatrice Ullah
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Your ref BU/PG/AA37

Our ref DA/SDO/JH/EO

Date 11 June 1991

Dear Beatrice

GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 21 MAY 1991

I refer to your letter inviting a police representative to attend the meeting at 7pm at Germiston Community Hall, Forge Street, Glasgow, at which Inspector William Ruddock of this Division attended.

Inspector Ruddock informs me that there was some discussion about the group disorders which had given rise for some concern and he was able to assure the meeting that the area was much quieter than previously, which was the general consensus of the audience.

Inspector Ruddock informs me that the issue of Ice Cream Vehicles sounding their chimes outwith permitted hours was raised and I have to inform you that for some time now police officers have been warning the owner/drivers of Ice Cream Vans trading in the Germiston area and in fact Inspector Ruddock on leaving the meeting of 21 May 1991, heard a driver of an Ice Cream Van sound the chimes and Inspector Ruddock stopped him and advised him to cease.

In relation to parking at Sieman Street and Royston Road, I have advised Traffic (North) Group to have a look at the problem and after they conclude their enquiries I will contact you.

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the meeting and I look forward to continuing liaison with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,


Chief Superintendent

GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

AGENDA CONTACT:

- 041-558 9077

OUR REF: BU/PG/AA37

YOUR REF:

BU/CP

18 June 1991

LEAD OFFICER
HYDEPARK SCHOOL
60 MOLLINSBURN STREET
GLASGOW G21

TEL: 041-558 5370

To All Members
Germiston Area Liaison Committee


Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the above group on Tuesday 25 June 1991 at 7pm in Germiston Community Hall, Forge Street, Glasgow.

Please find enclosed the agenda and relevant papers for your information. ✓
Apologies should be sent to Caroline Potts at the above number.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,


Beatrice Ullah
Lead Officer

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GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Agenda for Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 June 1991

ITEM

1. Sederunt
2. Apologies
3. Minute of Last Meeting
4. Matters Arising;-
 - a. Gang fighting
 - b. Parking in Seimens Street/Royston Road - reply from Roads Dept.
 - c. Home Security Project - Accounts report by Beatrice Ullah.
5. Urban Programme Applications - information session by Beatrice Ullah.
6. Other Competent Business
7. Date of Next Meeting - 13 August 1991.

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Voluntary Service
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Germiston Home Security Project

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 30.10.90 to 25.06.91

	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>			
S.R.C. Grant Income			62101.00
Bank Interest Received		327.00	
Paid	(12.49)		<u>314.51</u>
			62415.51
<u>Payments</u>			
Materials		52056.53	
Labour		10206.25	
Admin. - Heatwise		89.96	
- G.C.V.S.		<u>62.77</u>	<u>152.73</u>
			<u>62415.51</u>

Certified a true and correct extract of the Books and Accounts of
Germiston Home Security Project maintained by Glasgow Council for
Voluntary Service.

W. Welsh - ACCOUNTANT

25 June 1991

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for the
Voluntary
Sector**

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GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

URBAN PROGRAMME FUNDING

1. Scottish Office Criteria for Urban Programme Projects

- a. The project must be of direct benefit to A.P.T.
- b. The project must be a NEW asset, resource or service not already provided by the local authority.
3. Capital (one off, non-recurring e.g. buildings) limit of £300,000 (up to £500,000 in exceptional circumstances). This sum is about to be increased to £700,000.
4. No research projects will be funded.
5. No supplementation of existing statutory services.

2. Priorities of Scottish Office

- a. The project must be part of the comprehensive strategy for the APT. (how does it fit in with the work of the ALC ?)
- b. The project must mobilise volunteer recruitment. (The Scottish Office is looking for a greater voluntary input in new projects).
- c. Innovative. The project must be a new asset/provision to the area.
- d. Reduce long term demands on local authority budgets e.g. how will project manage to fund all or part of its running costs once Urban Aid funding ends ?.
- e. Avoid long term increase in local authority staffing.
- f. Crime Prevention.
- g. Enterprise and self-help.
- h. Health Issues (especially drugs).
- i. Ethnic Minorities.

URBAN PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS - CHECKLIST

1. Premises - must be guaranteed.
2. Costs - Price base for departmental projects should reflect prices at November of previous year. Voluntary organisations and community groups should enter prices current at date of application (inclusive of VAT).
3. Objectives - Quantifiable aims.
 - Statistical justification e.g. Small area statistics, crime statistics etc.
4. Consultation - Local elected member (SRC,GCC), DARS, Estates Dept., Personnel, Police (may be able to advise on security requirements), Chief Executives's Dept.
5. Capital Works - DARS or external consultant (indicate who has given project costs).
6. Constitution - All voluntary projects must submit a constitution.
7. Other Services - Must detail all complementary facilities/services.
8. Targetting - Specific to APT.

URBAN PROGRAMME TIMETABLE

1. All Urban Programme Applications must be presented to ALC for prioritisation. Applications which are not supported by ALC will not be considered by the Community Development Committee.
2. Applications must be submitted to the Chief Executive's Department by Monday 2nd September 1991. No late applications will be accepted.
3. Applications considered by the Urban Programme sub-committee of GCDC October/November 1991.
4. All approved applications submitted to Scottish Office November 1991.
5. Decision of Scottish Office (IDS) by Easter 1992.

SRC PRIORITIES

1. Elderly.*
2. Youth.*
3. Health.*
4. Unemployed.*
5. Adult Education.*
6. Poverty.
7. Single Parents.
8. Community Business.
9. Pre-5's.
10. Community Development.

(* These are also Glasgow Community Development Committee priorities).

% Of Projects Approved 1990/1991

Youth	20
Community Development	19
Health	15
Elderly	14
Single Parents	9
Ethnic Minorities	8
Welfare	8
Crime	7

Main Reasons for Project Rejections

1. Not value for money.
2. Mainline/duplication.
3. Lack of detail/justification.
4. Poor targetting.
5. Lack of Consultation.
6. Premises.
7. Other funding sources (more legitimate to project).
8. Too late.

GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 1991

1. Sederunt

Councillor Fleming, Strathclyde Regional Council, Chairman;
Beatrice Ullah, Community Education Service, Lead Officer;
Gordon Hammond, St Gilberts School Board;
John Murray, Germiston Community Council;
Gavin Grimson, GGHB;
Robert Miller, GGHB;
Margaret McElroy, GGHB;
Anne Heaney, Germiston Community Council;
Josie Henderson, Germiston Community Association;
Josie Bradley, Germiston Community Association;
Caroline Potts, Administrative Support Worker (Minutes).

2. Apologies

Inspector Hay, Strathclyde Police;
Bernadette McAulay, Social Work Dept,;
Marilyn Smellie, Community Education Service;
Bailie McLean, Glasgow City Council;
Frances Rickus, Glasgow City Council.

3. Urban Aid Applications 1992/1993

Councillor Fleming presented the application for Germiston Community Hall extension and brick cladding. The architects drawing indicated the area of land available to the rear of the present hall which would be fully utilised to build a general purpose hall, and the present building would need some internal conversion as well as a new roof. The cost would be in the region of £227,000 plus fees. He hopes that much of the work could be done without closing the hall.

The group fully supported the application and Councillor Fleming will produce the final draft before the closing date and provide GALC with copies.

4. GGHB, Community Strategy

Gavin Grimson, Robert Miller and Margaret McElroy of GGHB attended to make a presentation on the Consultation document regarding Community Health and answer any questions the group members may have. Comments regarding the Strategy should be sent before 1 November 1991 to GGHB.

The presentation covered the summary circulated to group members (see attached) including child health, nursing services, chiropody, physiotherapy, speech therapy and premises.

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GGHB have identified that an increasing number of people prefer to attend their GP for most services and project this may amount to 80% by 1993. In line with this projection the Strategy details a framework for GP's to work in partnership with GGHB to provide an efficient, well managed and economical health service. Mr Grimson explained that the aim is to run existing resources better, avoiding duplication of services and using skilled and unskilled staff more effectively. It is also intended to provide a new health centre for Drumchapel and to close 29 clinics identified as being inadequate either in building condition or level of use. These services would be redirected.

Councillor Fleming queried if the GGHB had the funding required to provide this level of service, and how the areas of greatest need can be identified.

Robert Miller explained that the Health Board would contract with Units to provide the services and therefore it would be the responsibility of that Unit to effectively manage their resources in order to provide that service. The areas of greatest need can be identified through statistics already available from case records etc. Factors included are - resident population; morbidity rates; frequency of illness and hospitalisation. The professionals in each area will be able to target the specific areas based on the information available and their priorities. In addition GP's must register the number of children they intend to provide child health services for. Any percentage not taken up by GP's will be provided for by the Community Health Service.

Josie Bradley complained strongly regarding the distinct lack of local services for Germiston area which has a high level of elderly people and children, especially the lack of premises and adequate chiropody services.

Gavin Grimson said he would arrange for a representative involved in chiropody to attend a meeting of the ALC to discuss this. Robert Miller added that Sector Chiropodists had been appointed recently in order to manage staff and increase the number of sessions provided. The intention is to provide 240,000 sessions by 1993 as opposed to the current level of 197,000 i.e. an increase of 43,000 treatments.

Beatrice Ullah highlighted the lack of a dental service for the area and the travelling difficulties associated with Germiston. Councillor Fleming expressed his concern that there may be unidentified areas of need which will upset the balance of finance and resources as proposed in the Strategy.

The communication links between the nursing service and Social Work Department regarding the identification of possible child neglect. Margaret McElroy explained that premature babies and babies born within a home located in an area of 'deprivation' would receive additional visits. In addition, children deemed to be 'at risk', as determined by the professional, will receive whatever level of service they require.

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The group also expressed concern regarding the high level of drug and alcohol abuse amongst mothers in the area and if discovered by a GP would this information be passed to Social Work Department. Margaret explained that this would be an infringement of patient-doctor confidentiality. The GGHB propose to target health promotion and education through schools etc. in order to encourage children to avoid either drugs or alcohol.

Councillor Fleming thanked Gavin, Robert and Margaret for their presentation and brought the meeting to a close.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Germiston Area Liaison Committee will be held on Tuesday 1 October 1991 at 7pm in Germiston Community Hall, Forge Street, Glasgow.

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CP/16/8/91

GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

AGENDA CONTACT: *Caroline Potts*

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26 November 1991

To All Members
Germiston Area Liaison Committee

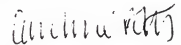
Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the above group on Tuesday 3 December 1991 at 7pm in Germiston Community Hall, Forge Street, Glasgow.

Please find enclosed the agenda for your information. Apologies should be sent to Caroline Potts on 558 9077.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Potts
Administrative Support Worker

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GERMISTON AREA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Agenda for Meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 December 1991

1. Sederunt
2. Apologies
3. Minute of meeting held on 13.8.91.
4. Matters Arising;
 - a. Progress of Urban Aid application - update by Councillor Fleming.
 - b. Drugs Misuse Committee - extract of minute attached.
5. Urban Aid 1993/1994 - Projects requiring work by DARS must be submitted by December.
6. Glasgow North Ltd - reports attached for information, discuss inviting a representative to a future meeting.
7. Other Competent Business
8. Date of Next Meeting - discuss 1992 dates.
7 Jan, 18 Feb, 31 Mar, 12 May, 23 June, 4 Aug, 15 Sept, 27 Oct, 8 Dec.

For Information

SRC Review of Social Strategy